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## Washington's Tobacco Prevention and Control

On Monday, the Washington Chapter of the American Cancer Society held an educational program through Washington Interactive Television on the tobacco settlement program. Speakers included Attorney General Christine Gregoire, Representative Eileen Cody, Sue Crystal of the Governor's Policy Office and Acting Secretary, Mary Selecky. On Wednesday, January 27, the House Appropriations Committee held a briefing for members on the tobacco settlement. Next week, the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee will discuss policy bills regarding the dedicated enhancement fund proposed by Governor Locke.

Tobacco is the number one preventable cause of death in our country and our state. The recommendations of the Task Force and the Governor's proposal are exactly what's need to stop this addiction that kills.

The Task Force recommended a partnership between Department of Health and a 14-Member Board that would:

*Develop programs, Ensure coordination, Evaluate effectiveness, Ensure strong community involvement and bring together public-private sector.*

Additional duties of the Task Force will be:

*Improving and expanding school-based programs, Create cessation programs, Reduce youth access to tobacco, to include stronger laws, more retailer education and increased enforcement. Support community based programs by working together and tailoring programs to local needs. Invest in a public education and awareness campaign; Counter-advertising can be effective; smoking dropped twelve percent in one year as a result of their anti-tobacco media campaign. Evaluate programs and conduct research, Future policy changes which include eliminating exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, reduce tobacco promotion and advertising and creating economic disincentives to sell or buy tobacco.*

Programs trying to counter two centuries of tobacco influence in this country are new, and there isn't a lot of research and experience. Only California and Massachusetts have had programs in place long enough to get a decline in tobacco use. That's very promising because they're using the same kinds of programs the task force has recommended for Washington. Public health is excited because for the first time there is funding for a comprehensive and sustained program to significantly reduce tobacco use in our state.

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# Department Legislation Proposes Broadening Disclosure of Hospital Information

Since 1955, the law governing hospital licensing, ch. 70.41 RCW, has prohibited public disclosure of information about complaints, the results of site visits, or any other information about the hospital's state license unless a formal administrative action has been taken against the license, which occurs very infrequently. As a result, consumers and patients now have virtually no access to information about a hospital's record. Since the passage of that provision, changes in state laws, such as passage of the Public Disclosure Act, have opened up state government and made government information readily available.

The Department proposes to amend ch 70.41 RCW to make hospital information in its files available to the public. Such a change would make the law governing disclosure of hospital information similar to the laws that govern disclosure of information about health care providers and other health care facilities that the Department regulates. The bills, HB 1217 and its companion, SB 5540, are a result of the Department's commitment to public access to information about a hospital's record of meeting quality standards established by the Department's licensing program.

Under the terms of the bill, information received by the Department about a hospital will generally be made available to the public under the Public Disclosure Act, (Chap-

ter 42.17 RCW), the law that applies to other information held by state agencies. However, information pertaining to on-site visits and complaint investigations may be disclosed three days after notification of the hospital of the results of the visit or investigation. Information regarding administrative action against the hospital may be disclosed only after the hospital has received the documents initiating the administrative action.

The bill also clarifies that the Department may review and audit the records of a hospital's quality improvement committee formed under RCW 70.41.200, or a peer review committee, as part of the Department's inspection and review. Department review of quality improvement and peer review documents can be important to monitoring quality standards. However, the current law is not entirely clear regarding access to those documents.

The bill is the result of discussions within the Department as well as with stakeholders, including the Washington State Hospital Association. The legislation represents a balanced between access to information for the public and the legitimate need for a hospital to conduct its quality improvement and peer review processes in a manner that encourages candor and disclosure.

The House Health Care Committee heard HB 1217 on January 29. §

## Governor's Budget

This week Senate Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on the Governor's supplemental budget for the fiscal year 1999. Items which are of interest to the Department of Health in the supplemental budget include:

*Transient Worker Housing.* These moneys are critical in administering the building code and requirements for temporary worker housing and implementing cherry harvest rules and enforcement program. These moneys are

required to support Senate Bill 6168 (Housing for Temporary Workers) which passed in the 1998 Legislative Session.

Other funding proposals in the supplemental budget include EMS Investigation, HIV Early Intervention, Accident Account Dividend Payment, Emergency Medical & Trauma Care Services Account and Newborn Screening/Dietary Products. §

## Washington's Tobacco Prevention and Control (con't)

The tobacco settlement has generated great interest and debate in this legislative session. The Department of Health will work with the Office of the Attorney Gen-

eral, the Governor's office, advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society and American Lung Association, and the legislature on this critical session issue. §

# Legislative Cut Off Dates

**March 2, 1999:** Policy cutoff for the House.

**March 3, 1999:** Policy cutoff for the Senate.

**March 8, 1999:** Fiscal cutoff for both houses.

**March 17, 1999, 5:00 p.m.:** Final consideration for the house of origin.

**April 2, 1999:** Policy cutoff for the opposite house.

**April 5, 1999:** Fiscal cutoff for the opposite house.

**April 16, 1999, 5:00 p.m.:** Final consideration for the opposite house.

**April 25, 1999:** Sine Die. §

## LEGISLATIVE INTERNETLINKS

Legislative information can be accessed via the internet. The following are a few links that may be of interest:

### **Legislative Update Newsletter**

[http://www.doh.wa.gov/publicat/98\\_legup.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/publicat/98_legup.htm)

### **Legislative Information**

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### **Washington State House of Representatives**

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/house/members/housepg.htm>

### **Washington State Senate**

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/senate.htm>

### **Washington State Governor's Home Page**

<http://www.wa.gov/governor>

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## Bill Watch

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*Jennifer Bush*

## Data and Confidentiality

### **HB 1262: Year 2000 Computer Problem**

Allows the Insurance Commissioner to provide technical assistance to insurance companies and health carriers in addressing the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problem. Requires the Commissioner to include an examination of whether the insurer or carrier has a Y2K computer problem and the insurers' or carriers' efforts to address any problems in this area. Directs the Commissioner to report to the Governor and chairs of the legislative committees dealing with insurance issues by July 1, 1999, and October 1, 1999, regarding the potential Y2K computer problem faced by the state's insurers and carriers.

**House Financial Institutions & Insurance. 2/5/99, 1:30 pm, HHRC**

### **HB 1372/SB 5240: Birth Defects Surveillance**

Repeals the Handicapped Children's Registry statute. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long Term Care. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRC**

### **SB 5201: Vital Statistic Record Fees**

The fees that the Department of Health and local registrars charge for copies of records and for searches of records are raised by \$2. Of that amount, the local registrar must submit to the State Treasurer for each copy or search \$1. The additional \$1 submitted to the State Treasurer must then be transferred to the Department of Health. These provisions relating to the establishment of fees expire on July 1, 2001. Authorizes the State Board of Health to set fees for copying and searching services after July 1, 2001, according to its rulemaking authority. **Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

### **SB 5482: Medical Research Records**

Makes vital statistics records available for inspection, copying, and use by a health research organization in connection with a medical or health research project that an institutional review board has approved. **Senate Health & Long Term Care. 2/4/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

## Disease Prevention and Control

### **HB 1080: Infectious Disease Testing**

Provides infectious disease testing at no cost to good Sa-

maritans for infectious diseases after rendering emergency assistance that has brought them into contact with a bodily fluid. **House Health Care.**

## **HB 1371/SB 5199: Tuberculosis Control**

Revises provisions relating to reporting, treatment, and payment for treatment of tuberculosis. Repeals obsolete sections of tuberculosis statutes. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long Term Care. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRC**

## **SB 5138: Body Art Facilities**

Directs the State Board of Health to adopt rules for permitting local health jurisdictions to regulate body art operators and body art facilities. **Senate Health & Long Term Care. 2/4/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

## **SB 5172: HIV Testing of Offenders**

Requires local health jurisdictions to conduct or cause to be conducted pretest counseling, HIV testing, and posttest counseling of all persons who are offenders or arrested or detained persons and who have subjected a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, health care facility staff person, Department of Corrections staff person, jail staff person, or other category of employee, as determined by the State Board of Health, to substantial exposure to their bodily fluids. Persons tested under this provision shall also be tested for Hepatitis B. **Senate Human Services & Corrections.**

# Environmental Health

## **HB 1054/SB 5125: Pesticide Registration Commission**

Appropriations made to Washington State University may now expressly be used for evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the Commission for such Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and pesticide resistance management programs. Added to the duties of the Commission is the requirement that it encourage agricultural organizations to provide assistance for IPM and pesticide resistance management programs for minor crops and minor uses that would benefit the organizations. An official action may now be taken by the Commission by a majority vote of its quorum, rather than a majority vote of the voting members. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Agriculture & Rural Development. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRA / 2/3/99, 8:30 a.m., SHR 2**

## **HB 1163/SB 5106: Illegal Drug Manufacture**

Finds that the contamination of properties used for illegal drug manufacturing poses a threat to public health. The toxic chemicals left behind by the illegal drug manufacturing must be cleaned up to prevent harm to subsequent occupants of the properties. Declares an intent that properties are decontaminated in a manner that is efficient, prompt, and that makes them safe to reoccupy. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Environmental Quality and Water. 2/4/99, 8:00 a.m., HHRA /**

## **HB 1164/SB 5105: Public Water System Definition**

Revises the definition of public water system to include systems providing water through constructed conveyances, in conformance with federal law. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources. 2/4/99, 8:00 a.m., HHRA /**

## **HB 1182: Coordinated Water Systems**

Requires a coordinated plan for water systems. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

## **HB 1264/SB 5361: Water-Sewer Districts**

Makes technical corrections regarding combining water-sewer districts. **House Local Government/Senate State & Local Government. 2/4/99, 1:30 p.m., E /**

## **HB 1310: PUD Authority**

Revises provisions relating to the authority of a public utility district to furnish water to persons outside of the district and the county where the district is located, and to establish local utility districts for water or sewer facilities outside of a district and the county where it is located. **House Local Government.**

## **HB 1314/SB 5289: Water Resource Management.**

Finds that numerous fish stocks of the state are being listed or are proposed to be listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act and that various state laws relating to water resources, land use, and fish protection and restoration must be strengthened to minimize the potential for federal preemption of state authority and autonomy regarding the management of the state's fisheries and water resources. Provide funds to the Department of Ecology for grants and loans to public bodies engaged in irrigation water supply for the purpose of improved drought preparedness. Requires each public water system with fifteen or more service connections to implement a water conservation program promotion targeted at system customers and implement

other cost-effective water conservation measures identified in approved water conservation plans. Requires public water systems with one thousand or more service connections to implement a leak detection and repair program, and repair leaks if the system's unaccounted for water is ten percent or more of total system water usage; conduct water audits to identify internal water distribution and associated opportunities for improved water use efficiency; and utilize commodity-based water rates and not declining block rate structures. Requires public water systems with fifteen or more service connections to collect monthly water use data from all water sources used to serve the system. Requires the Department of Ecology in consultation with the DOH to adopt rules establishing water use efficiency performance standards for various water uses by December 31, 2000. Requires the Department of Ecology, in consultation with the DOH and water purveyors, to adopt rules by December 31, 2000, establishing criteria to determine when the use of reclaimed water is feasible to replace potable water supplied for nonpotable water use. Local governments may adopt ordinances requiring the use of reclaimed water for nonpotable uses when determined feasible. Directs the Department of Ecology to convene a group consisting of representatives from major stakeholder groups concerned with water resources management as well as scientists recognized for their expertise in the fields of hydrology, hydrogeology, fish biology, stream ecology, and stream restoration to review, assess, and recommend methods for mitigating the effects caused by proposed ground water withdrawals. The Department of Ecology shall adopt rules to implement the findings of the group and shall report on the group's progress, findings, and any recommendations for possible legislative action to the legislature by December 31, 1999. Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act. **House Agriculture & Ecology/Senate Environmental Quality & Water. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., A /**

#### **HB 1318: Sewer Service/Tax Deductions**

Revises provisions relating to business and occupation and utility tax deductions for small water, sewer, and irrigation districts with less than 1,500 customers. **House Finance.**

#### **HB 1432: Dairy Commission**

Authorizes the Dairy Commission to participate in federal and state regulatory activities and expend funds when such activities affect the production, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of dairy products, and educate the

dairy industry on such matters. **House Agriculture & Ecology. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRA**

#### **HB 1498: Growth Management Act**

Revises the growth management act to place equal emphasis on the rights of property owners. **House Local Government.**

#### **HB 1502: Instream Water Rights**

Declares a water right for instream use may be held by the state through the establishment of a reservation or minimum flow or level as specified in state law, or may be held by the state as a trust water right. A water right for instream use may also be established, changed, transferred, or amended in the manner prescribed for a water right for any other use and may be held as an appropriate right by any person or entity whatsoever. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

#### **HB 1517: Municipal Water Supply**

Declares that "municipal water supply purposes" means the use of water to satisfy the needs of a city, a town, a public utility district, a water-sewer district, or a Group A public water system. **House Agriculture & Ecology.**

#### **HB 1527: Water-Sewer Dist. Assumption**

Revises the law governing assumptions of water and sewer districts by cities. **House Local Government.**

#### **SB 5045: Mobile Home Park Septic System**

Authorizes local governments to require that septic systems be removed in areas designated as critical for aquifer recharging. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

#### **SB 5059: Radioactive Waste Transport**

Authorizes counties to assess impact fees to cover the costs associated with the transport of radioactive waste over their roadways. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

#### **SB 5067: Uranium and Thorium Mills**

Prohibits DOH from approving a license or the renewal of a license for a uranium or thorium mine, mill, or tailing facility, if the license is based on a reclamation, closure, or decommissioning that involves the receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal of radioactive materials, including uranium or thorium mill tailings and byproduct material, at a licensed site or proposed licensed; except where the radioactive materials proposed for receipt, storage, permanent impoundment,

or disposal is produced at a mine associated with, and under the same operator or ownership as, the licensed site or proposed licensed site. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5072: Uranium and Thorium Mills**

No state agency may issue a permit for the transportation of low-level radioactive mill tailings which is classified as 11e(2) waste under the Atomic Energy Act. DOH may not approve the license or re-licensure for the reclamation, closure or decommissioning of a uranium mill, thorium mill, or tailing facility if the reclamation uses 11e(2) radioactive materials not produced at the site. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5080: Biomedical Waste Operations**

Requires that each biomedical waste treatment (deactivation) facility operating under a solid waste handling permit shall develop a hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) plan. The plan scope must cover worker health and safety, and health risks to the community surrounding the treatment facility. The plan must be submitted to the local health jurisdiction for review. In reviewing the plan, the local health jurisdiction must consult with the DOH, Ecology, and L&I. The local health jurisdiction must complete its review within 120 days of submission, and shall submit any recommendations for changes to the plant operator. local health jurisdictions must monitor the operation of the facilities to assure that they are operated according to the plan. If public health or worker safety issue arise at a plant, or if a significant change occurs such as a change in the source of waste, any of the involved public agencies may propose a revision to the plan. local health jurisdictions, with assistance from the DOH, must establish verification procedures as a condition of the permit, or if an incident occurs that threatens public or worker health. Initial plans must be completed within two years of the bill's effective date. The plant operator must update the plan every two years following. Treatment facilities established after adoption of the bill must develop a plan before commencing operations. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5081: Biomedical Waste Treatment**

Requires DOH, in consultation with the Department of Ecology and local health jurisdictions, to evaluate the environmental and public health impacts of biomedical waste treatment technologies, and that the evaluation be consistent with that protocol established by the State and

Territorial Association on Alternative Treatment Technologies (STAATT). All direct costs associated with the evaluation are borne by the applicant of a technology. Such costs must be paid either to the DOH, or to a state or local entity designated by the DOH. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5082: Biomedical Waste Inactivation**

Declares that, beginning January 1, 2001, cultures and stocks that are infectious to humans generated at microbiological laboratories shall be treated to accomplish microbial inactivation before being transported from the facility. Requires the Department to adopt, by rule, a surcharge on the license fee in this section for medical test sites licensed in microbiology to generate twenty thousand dollars per biennium to administer this act. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5083: Biomedical Waste Disposal:**

Provides \$100,000 to the University of Washington School of Public Affairs to conduct a study in consultation with DOH to evaluate the relative risks posed by different methods of treatment and disposal of biomedical waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5091: Water Rights Regulators**

Establishes a more effective method of water resource management in the state of Washington. Declares that in order to meet this intent, it is necessary to create a system of locally based water rights regulators, focus on water conservation, actively work to ensure proper water allocation procedures are followed, and rely on a market driven water transfer process. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5107: Puget Sound Action Team**

Revises the membership of the Puget Sound action team and the interagency advisory council. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5190: Lakes Management**

Creates lake management service areas to provide lake management services and facilities. Creates an aquatic plant management permit program, to coordinate, timely and predictable permit processes that will assist property owners and local governments in controlling aquatic plants. Directs the Department of Ecology to establish and administer a demonstration project for the control of Eurasian water milfoil, for the purpose of evaluating

the effectiveness of the pesticide 2,4-D at eradicating early infestations. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources. 2/4/99, 10:00 a.m., SHR 2**

### **SB 5228: Noise Health Effects Study**

Authorizes a comprehensive review of current federal research studies on the health effects of noise and a review of current state and stream restoration to review, assess, and recommend methods for mitigating the effects caused by proposed ground water withdrawals. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water.**

### **SB 5354: Geoduck Divers Licenses**

Prohibits the Director of Fish & Wildlife from issuing new geoduck diver licenses unless fewer than fifty persons are eligible for renewal. **Senate Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.**

### **SB 5433: Biomedical Waste Disposal**

Requires the inclusion of a program for the safe handling, transport, and disposal of biomedical waste. The program shall specify how biomedical waste will be segregated from other solid waste. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5435: Environment 21 Commission**

Creates the Washington Environment 21 Commission. Directs the Commission to develop recommendations for legislative and executive consideration and implementation that will increase the reliance upon environmental strategies that emphasize market incentives, pollution prevention, public education, and technical assistance; reduce inefficiency by all levels of government; achieve greater consistency among the goals, standards, and objectives of existing environmental quality statutes; build upon the recommendations of the land use study commission; ensure that the relative priority of environmental threats to the state is a central consideration in the development of state operating and capital budgets for environmental programs; achieve a uniform, consistent, and high-quality periodic assessment of the state's environmental quality, improve monitoring and data management relating to environmental quality, and establish a system to assess state-wide environmental trends over time to assist in developing policies and budgets; and reduce or eliminate environmental programs or activities that do not provide a substantial contribution to maintaining the state's environmental quality. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5478: Stream and Lake Levels**

Directs the Department of Ecology to incorporate the best available science in establishing flows or levels. In developing methodologies for establishing flows or levels adequate to support the recovery of salmon and trout populations, the DOE must consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the science panel. DOE shall periodically consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the science panel to ensure an ongoing application of best available science in its exercise of authority under this act. Requires that for the period beginning July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2003, DOE must place the highest priority in exercising the authority under this act upon the adoption of flows or levels for the recovery of depressed salmon and trout populations. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 2**

### **SB 5479: Water Resource Transfers**

Enacts a comprehensive set of laws to govern voluntary transfers of and changes in water rights, including authorizing additional types of transfers of and changes in water rights in which the water code is silent or does not allow before the effective date of this section, providing more opportunity for compensatory and consensual mechanisms in which third-party interests may be addressed and transfers allowed that would otherwise be prevented by the water code's no impairment rule improving the processing of applications for transfers and providing for expedited decisions upon short-term transfers, improving the collection, management, and accessibility of information relating to water rights transfers, and providing assistance locally and at the state level to encourage water transfer transactions and the development of markets for water transfers generally. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 2**

### **SB 5500: SEPA Exemptions**

Declares that decisions pertaining to the following activities are exempt that State Environmental Protection Act: construction of or location of any residential structures of ten or fewer dwelling units; construction of any office, school, commercial, recreational, service, or storage building with eight thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area, and with associated parking for forty or fewer automobiles; construction of a parking lot designed for forty or fewer automobiles; division of land into nine or fewer lots or parcels; and any landfill or excavation of five hundred cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of

the fill or excavation. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

## **SB 5507: Water Rights Processing**

Revises provisions relating to the processing of water rights. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

## **SB 5543: Water-Sewer Dist. Assumption**

Revises provisions relating to the assumption of water-sewer districts by cities or towns. **Senate State & Local Government.**

## **SB 5544: Water-Sewer Dist. Assumption**

Revises the law governing assumptions of water and sewer districts by cities. **Senate State & Local Government.**

## **SB 5546: Water Resources**

Authorizes the Department of Ecology to establish and maintain a stream keeper volunteer program. Declares that the duties of stream keeper volunteers are limited to providing information and assistance regarding water use, facilitating cooperative arrangements among water right holders during periods of shortage, making visual inspections and documenting and reporting perceived potential violations of the water code, collecting and reporting data from metering and measuring devices, and other duties as determined by the department. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

## **Families and Children**

### **HB 1058/SB 5296: Juvenile Violence Deterrence**

Develops a grant program to fund research-based prevention and early intervention programs targeting youth and their families when the youth has not yet entered the juvenile justice system. Makes an appropriation of five million dollars. **House Criminal Justice & Corrections/Senate Human Services & Corrections. 2/3/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRE / 2/4/99, 8:00 a.m., SHR 4**

### **HB 1244: Family Services**

Provides \$1,962,000 for fiscal year 2000, and \$1,963,000 for fiscal year 2001 to operate the Family Policy Council and the Community Public Health and Safety networks. **House Appropriations.**

### **HB 1361/SB 5327: Abortion/Parent Notification**

Prohibits a physician from performing an abortion upon an unemancipated minor or upon an incompetent person unless the physician has given forty-eight hours actual notification to a custodial parent or to the guardian of the pregnant unemancipated minor or pregnant incompetent person. Allows exceptions for victims of sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse by either of her parents or her guardian, as the attending physician must then provide notification to a brother or sister of the unemancipated minor or incompetent person who is over twenty-one years of age, or to a stepparent or grandparent specified by the unemancipated minor or incompetent person. Declares that a parent, guardian, or other person must not coerce an unemancipated minor or incompetent person to have an abortion performed. Authorizes the unemancipated minor or incompetent person to petition a superior court for a waiver of the notification requirement and to participate in proceedings on her own behalf. Declares that any physician who intentionally performs an abortion with knowledge that or with reckless disregard as to whether the person upon whom the abortion is to be performed is an unemancipated minor or an incompetent person without providing the required notification is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. **House 1st Reading/Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

### **SB 5014: Employer Sponsored Childcare**

Provides economic incentives for employer-sponsored child care benefits. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

### **SB 5070: Controlled Substance Delivery**

Includes delivery of a controlled substance to a pregnant woman as an aggravating circumstance in sentencing determinations. **Senate Judiciary.**

### **SB 5131: Day Care Liability Insurance**

Provides that every licensed child day-care center and family day-care provider shall, at the time of licensure or renewal and at any inspection, provide to the department proof that the licensee has day-care insurance as defined in RCW 48.88.020 or for day-care centers, is self-insured pursuant to chapter 48.90 RCW. Liability limits under this section shall be the same as set forth in RCW 48.88.050. **Senate Human Services & Corrections. 2/2/99, 8:00 a.m., SHR 4**



**SB 5132: Child Care Service Information**

Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to prominently post their license, notice of any pending enforcement action, notice that inspection reports and any notices of enforcement actions for the previous three years are available from the licensee and the department, and any other information required by DSHS. Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to have readily available for review by DSHS, parents, and the public a copy of each inspection report and notice of enforcement action received by the center or provider from the department for the past three years. Directs DSHS to place a child day-care center or family day-care provider on non-referral status or stop placement status if the center or provider has failed or refused to comply with chapter 74.15 RCW or rules adopted under that chapter and an enforcement action has been taken. Directs DSHS to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for communication of information regarding child day-care centers and family day-care providers. **Senate Human Services & Corrections. 2/2/99, 8:00 a.m., SHR 4**

**SB 5141: Newborn Screening Service Fee**

Allows DOH to collect an additional fee for supplying services under the state's infant screening program. **Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

**SB 5277: Higher Education Student Child Care**

Allows the Higher Education Coordinating Board to award, on a competitive basis, child care grants to state institutions of higher education to encourage programs to address the need for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher education institutions. **Senate Higher Education.**

**SB 5293: Family Leave**

Revises provisions relating to family leave. Allows persons working 10 hours weekly to apply for family and medical leave. Requires employers of fifty or more persons to comply with this act. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/4/99, 10:00 a.m., SHR 4**

**SB 5295: Breastfeeding**

Declares that the act of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk is not indecent exposure. Allows that, except where reasonable safety or security considerations require other options, an employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a convenient, sanitary, safe, private, and comfortable room or other location, in close proximity to the

work area, other than a restroom, where the employee can express her milk in privacy. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/8/99, 3:30, \***

**SB 5311: Body Piercing**

Prohibits body piercing on persons under the age of eighteen. **Senate Judiciary.**

**SB 5390: Healthy Birth Outcomes**

Restricts the maternity care access system to solely and exclusively providing for prenatal, delivery, and postnatal care intended to achieve healthy birth outcomes. Any medical or health or social-related services associated with the termination of a pregnancy including but not limited to information, counseling, and referral is prohibited from being provided or funded through this program. Requires any funding for medical care services or medical assistance associated with the termination of a pregnancy including information, counseling, and referral to be accounted for and identified in a separate and discrete manner so that these funds are accounted for under a separate and distinct funding allotment and program element in the budget. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

**SB 5430: Women's Health Office**

Creates within DOH the Office of Women's Health. Provides equity in policy considerations and decisions affecting women's health, additional opportunities for basic and applied research directly affecting women's health, and innovative programs to address the effects of domestic violence on the health of women in the state of Washington. Makes an appropriation of an unspecified amount to carry out the purposes of the act. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 2/1/99, 1:30, SHR 4**

**SB 5465: Family Planning Services**

Authorizes DSHS to, upon receipt of approval from the federal Health Care Financing Administration, to implement a waiver under section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act to provide family planning services to persons with family incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 2/4/99, 1:30, SHR 4**

**SB 5480: Drug-Affected Infants**

Requires a woman's primary health care provider to identify and screen pregnant and lactating women according to the criteria developed by DOH, convey to the infant's primary health care provider screening findings that

would suggest the need for testing of the infant, or conduct the testing, inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive that she can have a tubal ligation at no cost to her within six months following the birth, and inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive of appropriate drug treatment and birth control services. Requires the health care provider of a newborn infant to test any infant the provider reasonably believes is drug-affected and notify DSHS of the name and address of the parent or parents of a drug-affected infant. **Senate Human Services & Corrections.**

## **SB 5547: School Medical Assistance**

Allows school district employees, not licensed as nurses or nursing assistants, to file a written letter of refusal to administer oral medications or refusal to perform clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students. This may not serve as grounds for employee dismissal or termination of employment. **Senate Education. 2/1/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 1**

## **Fiscal**

### **HB 1165/SB 5182: Capital Budget**

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

### **HB 1167/SB 5183: Capital Budget/ Supplemental**

Makes supplemental appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

### **HB 1186/SB 5180: Operating Budget**

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for the operations of state agencies for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

### **HB 1187: Operating Budget/Supplemental**

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

### **HB 1235: Health Records Fees**

Prohibits charging a fee for furnishing recorded health care information to a patient, his or her attorney, or authorized representative, if the information is requested for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act or any federal or

state financial needs-based benefit program, and the request is accompanied by documentation of the claim or appeal. **House Health Care.**

### **HB 1256: Women's Health**

Authorizes the Secretary of Health to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities as are available for the purposes of activities and services to promote women's health. **House Health Care. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRC**

### **\*\*SSB 5181 Operating Budget/Supplemental**

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **Senate Passed 3rd Reading.**

### **SB 5250: Women's Health Programs**

Authorizes the secretary to accept such grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities as are available for the purpose of designing and implementing programs that specifically address the health-related needs of women. **Senate Health & Long Term Care.**

## **Injury Prevention**

### **HB 1181: Domestic Violence Perpetrator**

Requires if a domestic violence perpetrator or the victim has a minor child, treatment must specifically include education regarding the effects of domestic violence on children, such as the emotional impacts of domestic violence on children and the long-term consequences that exposure to incidents of domestic violence may have on children, and parenting skills to help the perpetrator control the events or behavior that lead to incidents of domestic violence. **House Criminal Justice & Corrections. 2/2/99, 10:00 a.m., HHRE**

### **HB 1196: Concealed Pistol Permits**

Allows concealed weapons permits issued in other states and territories to remain valid within Washington. **House Judiciary.**

### **HB 1211: Sex Offender Registry**

Requires the Washington State Patrol to maintain an internet site containing the following information from the central sex offenders registry: Name, current address, crime for which convicted, and date and place of conviction. The state patrol shall make this information available to the public in paper form upon request. **House**

## Criminal Justice & Corrections.

### HB 1223/SB 5287: Motorcycle Equipment

Removes the current requirement that motorcycle riders wear an approved safety helmet, unless the rider is under twenty-one years of age. Revises other motorcycle equipment laws. House Transportation/Senate Transportation.

### HB 1352: Concealed Pistol Licenses

Declares that “good cause” for a temporary emergency license includes, but is not limited to, when the applicant has obtained a valid no-contact order, antiharassment order, or protection order restraining another person from molesting or disturbing the applicant or excluding another person from going onto the grounds of or entering the home, workplace, or school of the applicant and has sworn by affidavit that it is not unlawful for the applicant to possess a firearm. House Judiciary.

### HB 1391: Concealed Pistol Permits

Declares that a license from another jurisdiction is valid only if the license is currently valid in that jurisdiction; and the Department of Licensing, after consultation with the Washington State Patrol, has adopted a rule identifying the jurisdiction as one that has restrictions that are at least as restrictive as those in Washington and recognizes Washington state concealed pistol licenses as valid in that state or will recognize Washington licenses upon the department’s identification of the jurisdiction. House Judiciary.

### HB 1406: Pistol Purchase or Transfer

Eliminates the authority of the Department of Licensing to keep records of pistol purchases or transfers. House Judiciary.

### HB 1424/SB 5017: Firearms Access by Minors

Requires the storage in a manner that restricts a minor’s likely access to the firearm without the permission of the minor’s parent or the person having charge of the minor or supervision required by law. Makes it a class C felony if a person violates this act and, as a result thereof, a minor gains access to a firearm and uses it to inflict injury or death upon himself or herself, or any other person. Defines “minor”, for purposes of this act as a person under the age of sixteen. House Judiciary/Senate Judiciary.

### SB 5294: Firearms Storage

Declares a person is guilty of reckless endangerment if the person stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, and a child obtains possession of the loaded firearm. Does not apply if the firearm is secured in a locked box, gun safe, other secure locked storage space, or secured with a lock or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging, if the child’s access to the firearm is supervised by an adult, if the child’s access to the firearm was obtained as a result of an unlawful entry, or if the child’s access to the firearm was in accordance with state law. Requires that, when selling any firearm, every dealer must offer to sell or give the purchaser a locked box, gun safe, a lock, or any device that prevents the firearm from discharging. **Senate Judiciary. 2/5/99, 8:00 a.m., SHR 1**

### SB 5356: Sex Offender Chemical Treatment

Requires that, if a sexual offense is not one for which the conviction results in the offender’s being a persistent offender, the court shall impose as a condition of release such treatment, including the use of medroxyprogesterone acetate, or a comparable chemical, together with any other mental health or chemical dependency treatment, as the court finds appropriate to reduce the likelihood of the offender’s commission of a subsequent sex offense upon release. Allows an offender to seek early termination of a treatment regimen imposed under this subsection, but an early termination may not be granted unless, by clear and convincing evidence, the offender proves that the offender no longer has a mental abnormality and that a continued treatment regimen is not necessary to prevent the offender’s commission of a predatory act. Allows an offender to agree to surgical alternatives to medroxyprogesterone acetate or a comparable chemical treatment if the offender voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently petitions the court in writing. Declares that an offender who unlawfully stops treatment imposed under this subsection is guilty of a class B felony. **Senate Judiciary.**

### SB 5448: Firearms on Public Transit

Makes it unlawful for a person to carry onto, or to possess on, any means of public transit any firearm. **Senate Judiciary.**

**SB 5554: Community/Technical College Board Duties**  
Authorizes community and technical colleges boards of trustees to adopt rules regarding weapons on district-owned or maintained property. **Senate Higher Education.**

## Insurance

### **HB 1301/SB 5416: Children's Health Insurance**

Creates the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health care to children who are eligible for health care coverage under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 2/5/99, 1:30 p.m., HHRC**

### **SB 5111: Genetic Information/Health Insurance**

Declares that a health carrier may not deny or cancel health plan coverage, or vary the premiums, terms, or conditions for health plan coverage, for an individual or a family member of an individual on the basis of genetic information or because the individual or family member of an individual has requested or received genetic services. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 1/28/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

### **SB 5112: Mastectomies/Health Insurance**

Requires every health carrier and every state purchased health care plan that provides coverage for mastectomies to permit the attending provider, in consultation with the patient, to make decisions on the length of inpatient stay after a mastectomy. These decisions must be based on accepted medical practice. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

### **SB 5349: Cranial Hair Insurance**

Requires insurance coverage for cranial hair prostheses for alopecia areata. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

### **SB 5398: Eating Disorder Health Insurance**

Requires health carriers to provide coverage for the treatment of eating disorders. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

### **SB 5425: Mental Health Services**

Declares that it is no longer cost-effective to treat persons with mental disorders differently than persons with medical and surgical disorders. Requires insurance coverage at parity for mental health services, which means that this coverage be delivered under the same terms and conditions as medical and surgical coverage. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 1/28/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

### **SB 5445: Mandated Benefit Bill Review**

Gives discretion to the chair of an appropriate committee of the Legislature to determine if it is in the public interest to review any mandated benefit bill that has been referred to the committee. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 2/4/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

### **SB 5512: Contraceptive Insurance Coverage**

Attempts to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and ensure access to contraceptive services in health plans that cover prescription drugs and outpatient health services. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## Professional/Facilities Licensing

### **HB 1000: Counselors/Privileged Communication**

Provides that communications between certified counselors and their clients are privileged. **House Judiciary.**

### **HB 1113/SB 5149: Occupational Therapy**

Requires an occupational therapist to, after evaluating a patient and if the case is a medical one, refer the case to a physician for appropriate medical direction if such direction is lacking. Treatment by an occupational therapy practitioner of such a medical case may take place only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician assistant, clinical psychologist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this state. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

### **HB 1135: Privileged Communications**

Declares that any communication or information acquired by any emergency service provider involved in a peer support counseling session conducted by a peer support group counselor is confidential and shall not be disclosed by any party attending the group counseling session, except to the extent necessary to provide assistance pursuant to the counseling session. **House Judiciary.**

### **HB 1216/SB 5200: Secretary of Health Authority**

Deletes the provision terminating the Secretary of Health's authority for rulemaking activities related to administrative procedure on March 1, 1999. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

### **HB 1217/SB 5540: Hospital Licensing Information**

Allows the release of hospital licensing, complaint, and administrative action information as allowed under public disclosure law. Establishes timeframes for disclosure

of licensing inspections, complaint investigations and administrative actions to allow the hospital adequate time to receive materials prior to disclosure. Allows DOH, the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations or any other accrediting organization to review and audit peer review records created by a quality improvement committee. Protects peer review records from disclosure during the discovery process. Directs hospitals to produce and make accessible to the department appropriate records to facilitate the review/audit process. **House Health Care/Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **HB 1218: Nurse Delegation of Tasks**

Authorizes RNs to delegate nursing care tasks using their professional nursing judgment and standards of practice to registered or certified nursing assistants in community-based care settings. Provides authority to the Nursing Commission to develop protocols for implementing all nurse delegation through rulemaking. Allows RNs, on a case by case basis, to delegate tasks to nursing assistants in community-based care settings prior to the nursing assistant completing the nurse delegation core training. The RN is required to provide all necessary one-on-one training specific to that task and consumer and would assure that the nursing assistant received the core delegation training within the first 60 days of the delegation process. Lack of completion of core training in the first 60 days of the delegation process will result in immediately rescinding the delegation process. No extensions would be permitted. **House Health Care.**

## **HB 1251/SB 5415: Boards, Commissions, and Programs**

Allows the Secretary of Health to designate health care assistants and other health care providers to serve on ad hoc committees appointed by the Secretary to study specified topics. Removes the specific authority of the Secretary to appoint dietitians and nutritionists to serve on such committees. Eliminates the Health Professions Advisory Committee. **House State Government/Senate State and Local Government. 2/5/99, 8:00 a.m., HHRC**

## **SB 5006: Animal Pregnancy Testing**

Exempts animal pregnancy testing from veterinary licensing requirements. **Senate Agriculture & Rural Development.**

## **SB 5050: Intractable Pain Treatment.**

Allows health professionals who have taken reasonable efforts to eliminate or alleviate pain to prescribe Schedule II-IV drugs for the treatment of intractable pain. Re-

quires DOH to develop guidelines for the treatment and informed consent of intractable pain. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5114: Hospital Annual Inspections**

Provides an exemption from annual inspections for hospitals accredited by the American osteopathic association similar to that offered to hospitals accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5216: Podiatric Physician/Surgeon**

Authorizes podiatric physicians and surgeons to become physician assistants. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5262: Sleep Monitoring**

Declares that the scope of practice for respiratory care practitioners does not prohibit any person from performing sleep monitoring tasks under the supervision or direction of a licensed health care provider. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5312: Health Care Workplace Violations**

Requires that, by July 1, 2000, each health care setting shall develop and implement a plan to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence. Provides that, in developing the plan required by this act, the health care setting shall consider any guidelines on violence in the workplace or in health care settings issued by the Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Labor and Industries, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Medicare, and health care setting accrediting organizations. Requires that, by July 1, 2001, and on a regular basis thereafter, each health care setting shall provide violence prevention training to all its employees. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5388: Dental Hygienists/Sealants**

Allows a dental hygienist to apply for endorsement by DOH as a school sealant endorsed dental hygienist upon completion of the Washington State sealant guidelines and training. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care.**

## **SB 5555: Health Care Background Checks**

Intends to protect children, vulnerable adults, and other consumers of health care by requiring background checks of all individuals applying for and holding registrations, certifications, and licenses to practice as health care practitioners in the state. Makes an individual is permanently disqualified from holding a license under the Uniform

Disciplinary Act if the individual has a conviction record of a serious violent offense; a sex offense; any felony offense constituting sexual exploitation of a minor, criminal mistreatment of a child or dependent person, or the sale or purchase of a minor child; or any federal or out-of-state equivalent to those designated by this act. **Senate 1st Reading.**

## Regulatory Reform

### **HB 1010: Rural Distressed Areas**

Among other provisions designed to enhance rural economic development requires regulatory relief to reduce and streamline zoning, permitting, and regulatory requirements in order to enhance the capability of businesses to grow and prosper in rural distressed areas. **House Economic Development, Housing & Trade.**

### **HB 1040: Rural Distressed Areas**

Requires the state to facilitate rural economic development. Establishes within the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development the Office of Business Assistance, and recruitment for rural distressed areas. Requires the joint legislative Audit and Review Committee to design an evaluation mechanism for economically distressed counties under this act and undertake an evaluation of this act's effectiveness by November 1, 2003. The agencies implementing the programs under this act shall assist the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee evaluation. Requires regulatory relief to reduce and streamline zoning, permitting, and regulatory requirements. **House Economic Development, Housing & Trade.**

### **SB 5018: Permit Assistance Center**

Directs the Permit Assistance Center to provide a periodic report to the Legislature that provides policy and operational recommendations for streamlining and coordinating environmental permitting in Washington; and summarizes the results of the center's efforts to measure center performance and outcomes over time. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5148: Permit Assistance Center**

The Permit Assistance Center is re-authorized and the sunset provisions are repealed. The center's reporting requirements are changed from annual to periodic. The requirements focus on making recommendations for streamlining and coordinating environmental permitting as well as on documenting the center's performance.

The timing of negotiating for coordinated permitting services is modified. Cost recovery is authorized in which agencies may seek from the permit applicant the reimbursement of costs incurred in environmental review and permit processing. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water Resources.**

### **SB 5242: Unlawful Agency Actions**

Allows individuals who have taken part in an administrative proceedings regarding an application for a permit to receive attorney's fees and court costs if the an agency action is arbitrary, capricious, unlawful or exceeds lawful authority, or if the agency fails to take action within legally mandated time limits. **Senate State & Local Government.**

### **SB 5281: Permit Assistance Center**

Restructures the Permit Assistance Center to provide a reliable and consolidated source of information concerning federal, state, tribal, and local environmental and land use laws and procedures that apply to any given proposal; provide information and assistance to individuals, businesses, and public agencies regarding environmental and land use laws as well as local, state, and federal permitting requirements; serve as a project facilitator to assist an applicant in identifying regulatory requirements, processes, and permits associated with a project proposal; assist an applicant by developing a coordinated permit process for a project proposal; and assist the state to achieve its rural economic development goals by providing greater access to the center's services for individuals, businesses, and public agencies in rural counties and for businesses considering locating or expanding in rural counties. **Senate Environmental Quality & Water.**

## State Government

### **HB 1239/SB 5363: Civil Service Reform**

Directs the Personnel Resources Board to conduct a comprehensive review of all rules governing the classification, allocation, and reallocation of positions within the classified service. Goals are include developing a simplified classification system that will substantially reduce the number of job classifications in the classified service, developing a classification system to permit state agencies to respond flexibly to changing technologies, economic and social conditions, and the needs of its citizens, and to enhance mobility and career advancement opportunities. Authorizes any department, agency, or institution of higher education to purchase services provided by em-

employees in classified service under this chapter by contracting with individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or other entities. Allows for collective bargaining reform without granting any employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his or her official duties. **House State Government/Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

### **SB 5066: Legislative Reporting Requirements**

Establishes a procedure in which a state agency that has a legislatively mandated requirement to report to the Legislature or legislative committees regarding a specific matter and the agency either fails to report to the Legislature by the specified time or provides a report that is insufficiently responsive to the legislation requiring the report, the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, shall impose a \$100,000 penalty. **Senate State & Local Government.**

## **Tobacco**

### **HJM 4003: Tobacco Settlement**

Requests amending the federal Medicaid statute to prohibit federal recoupment of state tobacco settlement recoveries. **Filed with Secretary of State.**

### **SB 5359: Tobacco Litigation Monies**

Directs that funds received by the state as a result of the settlement of the state's legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Account. In addition to providing funds for the Basic Health Plan, allows that funds in the account may be spent by the Secretary of Health only for public health purposes relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, counter-marketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, research regarding tobacco related illnesses, and administrative expenses of the Tobacco and Prevention and Control Board. Funds in the account may be spent without appropriation. Allows expenditures from the account to begin in fiscal year 2001, and for any fiscal year may not exceed \$26,600,000. Creates the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board to consist of 14 members. Authorizes the state treasurer to transfer a total of \$155,000,000 from the tobacco settlement account, to the tobacco prevention and control account, upon authorization of the director of financial management. The director shall authorize transfer of the total amount no later than June

30, 2001. **Senate Ways & Means. 2/3/99, 3:30 p.m., SHR 4**

### **SB 5426: Tobacco Settlement/Tax Reduction**

Reduces the state property tax equivalent to funds received under the state tobacco litigation settlement. **Senate Ways & Means.**

### **SB 5516: Tobacco Prevention & Control**

Requires the tobacco prevention and control program to design and implement public health projects relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, countermarketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, and research regarding tobacco related illnesses. **Senate Health & Long-Term Care. 2/3/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

## **Welfare Reform**

### **HB 1275: WorkFirst Participation**

Allows that having a child under the age of one year is a good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components. **House Children & Family Services. 2/3/99, 8:00 a.m., HHRD**

### **SB 5063: TANF Recipients/Education**

Pertains to adult recipients of temporary assistance for needy families enrolled in education programs. Requires DSHS, the Employment Security Department, and community and technical colleges work together more effectively to facilitate the successful completion of higher educational course work by recipients. Allows that when circumstances and educational progress of a recipient would reasonably lead to timely course completion and employment, that the recipient's grant be maintained without sanction. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

### **SB 5069: Child Care Access/TANF Recipients**

Provides child care payments to persons complying with the Washington WorkFirst program. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

### **SB 5155: TANF Workforce Development**

Requires that recipients of temporary assistance for needy families shall be given a priority for work force development system programs and courses. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

**SB 5299: TANF Residency Requirement**

Eliminates the requirement for TANF recipients to reside in Washington for a period of one year before receiving TANF benefits equal to other Washingtonians. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

**SB 5314: WorkFirst Participation**

Revises good cause reasons for failure to participate in the WorkFirst program. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development.**

**SB 5490: TANF Employment Assessments**

Requires DSHS to screen Temporary Assistance for Needy Families applicants for learning disabilities, in order to customize and make meaningful their individual responsibility plans, refer them to treatment as appropriate, or exempt them from work activity requirements, benefit time limits, or other requirements of Title 74 RCW. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

**SB 5522: TANF Work Activity**

Requirements to assess WorkFirst recipients is placed at the beginning of the recipient's participation in the WorkFirst program. The initial assessment includes screening for barriers to self-sufficiency, including homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence victimization, limited English proficiency and illiteracy. The Individual Responsibility Plan recommends that adult recipients assure that their school-age children attend school, and requires that recipients document immunization of their children. **Senate Labor & Workforce Development. 2/2/99, 1:30 p.m., SHR 4**

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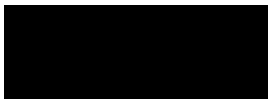
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